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Field Crops

Cotton bolls opening were at 99 percent, ahead of last year and the five-year average of 96 and 92 percent, respectively. Cotton harvest was 7 percent complete 12 percentage points behind both last year and the five-year average. The cotton crop condition continues to be rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location. Arizona's alfalfa condition was rated in fair to excellent condition. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped potatoes last week. Western Arizona growers had no movement last week.

Range and Pasture

Temperatures were starting to cool down across the State, with some northern areas recording freezing temperatures. Range and Pastures were rated in mostly very poor to good condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	6	4	22	50	18
Range and Pasture	35	15	14	30	6
Cotton	0	1	19	62	18

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	99	97	96	92
• Harvested	7	5	19	19

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending September 29, 2013, ranging from 10 degrees below normal at Kingman to normal temperatures at Tucson. The highest temperature of the week was 99 degrees recorded at various locations. The lowest reading was 21 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Four of the twenty-

two weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Canyon De Chelly and Safford received the least precipitation at 0.04 inches and Flagstaff received the most at 0.19 inches. Seventeen of the 22 stations have received more than 75 percent of normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
September 23, 2013 - September 29, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	69	-9	91	43	0.00	6.83	-0.59	92
Buckeye	75	-8	97	54	0.00	5.22	-0.11	98
Bullhead City	76	-9	99	48	0.00	3.32	-1.21	73
Canyon De Chelly	58	-5	80	31	0.04	6.64	-0.32	95
Coolidge	72	-7	99	43	0.00	4.87	-0.39	93
Douglas	69	-2	91	45	0.00	16.05	5.41	151
Flagstaff	51	-4	72	25	0.19	21.06	4.28	126
Grand Canyon	49	-2	75	21	0.00	10.12	-5.00	67
Kingman	62	-10	86	39	0.00	5.84	-1.52	79
Maricopa	75	-5	98	47	0.00	3.97	-1.16	77
Paloma	74	-8	99	48	0.00	3.61	-1.19	75
Parker	73	-9	96	47	0.00	2.01	-1.00	67
Payson	60	-5	81	35	0.00	19.26	3.07	119
Phoenix	81	-2	99	63	0.00	5.60	0.27	105
Prescott	59	-3	81	35	0.00	10.48	-4.81	69
Roll	74	-9	99	49	0.00	2.28	0.10	105
Safford	69	-4	90	48	0.04	6.95	-0.17	98
St. Johns	57	-6	83	28	0.00	6.74	-2.13	76
Tucson	78	0	98	57	0.00	4.65	-4.50	51
Willcox	67	-2	91	43	0.15	10.56	0.74	108
Winslow	61	-4	86	34	0.00	6.64	0.77	113
Yuma	80	-4	99	62	0.00	1.86	-0.32	85
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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